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- 25X1 1. On 18 June 1952, [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] the Russian naval authorities had severely criticized the
25X1 quality of the electrical equipment and of the various engine parts which had
been installed in the Russian SS VAGA and SS VICHEGDA during their refitting
in the Mathias Thesen Werft.
2. The Russians have demanded that three complete sets of spares for the engines of
both vessels be shipped to Leningrad, the home port. They have refused to pay
for these spare parts by crediting them to the reparations account, adding insult
to injury by stipulating that the spares should be of West European manufacture.
3. The official stated that it was generally considered that it was not so much the
poor quality of the material which was responsible for the numerous breakdowns
these vessels had suffered after they had been handed over to the Russians, as
the inexperienced handling these ships had experienced from their Russian crews.

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